

Appl. No. 10/629,128
Reply dated June 29, 2006
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REMARKS

I. Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-100 are pending in the above-identified application.

The Examiner stated that claims 1, 46, 47, 72, 98 and 100 are generic and found that there are allegedly nine patently distinct species in the above-identified patent application and required election of one of those species, as follows:

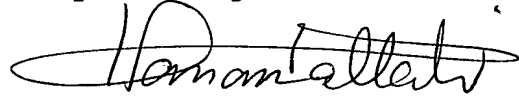
species of claims 2-6 and 48-51;
species of claims 7-10, 52-55 and 99;
species of claims 11-13 and 56-58;
species of claims 14-18, 59, 60, 62 and 84;
species of claims 19-22, 34-45, 73-76 and 86-97;
species of claims 23-29, 64 and 77-83;
species of claims 30 and 65;
species of claims 31, 32, 66 and 67; and
species of claims 33, 61, 63, 68-71 and 85.

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II. Applicants' Election

Applicants provisionally elect for examination in this application, the species of claims 19-22, 34-45, 73-76 and 86-97. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 2-18, 23-33, 48-71, 77-85, 98 and 99 in one or more continuing applications. Applicants understand that if a generic claim is allowed, the nonelected species will be rejoined to the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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